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Gregory A. White, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, announced the following sentences which were recently imposed in a counterfeit check case.

On February 28, 2007, a federal grand jury in Cleveland, Ohio, returned an indictment charging seven Cleveland women with conspiracy and making, uttering and possessing counterfeit checks totaling approximately \$68,000. All seven defendants pleaded guilty to the counterfeit check charges, and were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Peter C. Economus between August 2, 2007, and October 26, 2007.

The indictment charged that between May 10, 2006, and January 24, 2007, the defendants manufactured more than 160 counterfeit checks, totaling approximately \$68,000, and negotiated said checks at various retail establishments in the greater Cleveland area.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Sentence</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Date of Sentencing</u>
Lumae Kilgore	36 months	\$27,577.26	9/28/07
Sierra Kilgore	3 years probation	\$1,714.88	9/20/07
Alethia Kilgore	3 years probation	\$3,496.11	9/20/07
Kristie Kilgore	16 months	\$3,477.64	10/26/07
Angela Garrett	14 months	\$5,569.62	8/2/07
Tracy Patton	11 months	\$14,834.21	8/22/07
Lena Shaw	3 years probation	\$2,530.32	10/16/07

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Kern of the Cleveland U.S. Attorney's Office, following an investigation by the Cleveland Office of the U.S. Secret Service.